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Tim Parks or whom it may concern,

Hi, my name is Xong Vang and I live in the triangle area/Monona Bay community. I am a long time resident of Bay View and am contacting you on behalf of many elders and youth who live here in Bay View. Bay View is a great community with a diversified foundation of many cultures and backgrounds. There are many elders and young children who call this community, "Tsev". This simple Hmong term translates to the English equivalent of home but means much more to them in this setting and community. They are preparing themselves for a transition of renovation of their community and welcome many new great amenities. The city of Madison Planning department has suggested that a new path be built and cut through the neighborhood in the renovation process. Many residents' have expressed concerns about this pathway cutting through their newly built homes and backyards. First, is safety and security. There are many young children that will be out and about enjoying their new back yard and this pathway could become a unintentional express bike pathway that could cause potential dangers and collisions with the children. Many elders will be out in their backyards gardening and socializing. They feel this pathway will place a level of uncertainty and security as it directly cuts through their back living quarters; thus creating the possibility for crime or theft of personal property. Another concern that has been expressed over and over again is that of general maintenance. Since it will be city property running through private property; Who will maintain it shall it need repairs or general maintenance in the future. Moreover, many parents' in the community are willing to work with the city to plan and reroute the pathway to a different location so that everyone can enjoy the community and renovation. While there are many more concerns and questions; the residents' wanted me to reach out on behalf of them and have their voices be heard. Many do not have transportation nor the proficient English skills to attend the meetings held about this pathway but they are concerned and ready to give input for a safer community.

Thank you for your time,

Xong Vang